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§251.1 General purpose and scope.

This part announces the policies and prescribes the regulations necessary to carry out certain provisions of the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, (7 U.S.C. 612c note).

§251.2 Administration.

- (a) Within the United States Department of Agriculture (the "Department"), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) shall have responsibility for the distribution of food commodities and allocation of funds under the part.
- (b) Within the States, distribution to emergency feeding organizations and receipt of payments for storage and distribution shall be the responsibility of the State agency which has: (1) Been designated for such responsibility by the Governor or other appropriate State executive authority; and (2) entered into an agreement with the Department for such distribution and re-

ceipt in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) Each State agency that distributes donated foods to emergency feeding organizations or receives payments for storage and distribution costs in accordance with §251.8 shall perform those functions pursuant to an agreement entered into with the Department. This agreement shall be considered permanent, with amendments initiated by distributing agencies, or submitted by them at the Department's request, all of which shall be subject to approval by the Department. Such State agencies shall enter into a written agreement with eligible emergency feeding organizations. This agreement shall provide that emergency feeding organizations agree to operate the program in accordance with the requirements of this part, and, as applicable, part 250 of this chapter. The agreement shall be considered permanent, with amendments to be made as necessary. State agencies shall ensure that emergency feeding organizations provide, on a timely basis, by amendment to the agreement, any information changes in program administration, including, but not limited to, any changes resulting from amendments to Federal regulations or policy.

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§251.3 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part:

- (a) The terms used in this part that are defined in part 250 of this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them therein.
- (b) Distribution site means the location(s) where the emergency feeding organization actually distributes commodities to needy persons under this part.
- (c) Emergency feeding organization means any public or nonprofit private organization which has entered into an agreement with the designated State agency to provide nutrition assistance to relieve situations of emergency and distress through the provision of food to needy persons, including low-income and unemployed persons, and which receives commodities under agreements